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I. Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces without prejudice all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 35 (Previously Amended): A method for collecting payments in a distributed digital computerized communications environment for services provided by a third party, using digital tokens issued by a digital tokens issuer by computerized means, during a digital communication between a user and a second party, while the third party is not part of the communication, comprising the following steps:

a. Acquiring by a user of digital tokens from the digital tokens issuer and storing the digital tokens in a user's tokens database;

b. canceling the used digital tokens, that are being used by the user according to computerized predefined criteria, when the user uses the service provided by the third party;

Claim 36 (Previously Amended): The method of collecting payments with digital tokens according to claim 35, wherein the digital tokens can be in different predefined values.

Claim 37 (Previously Amended): The method of collecting payments with digital tokens according to claim 35, wherein the digital tokens are cryptography protected from fraud.

Claim 38 (Previously Amended): The method of collecting payments with digital tokens according to claim 35, wherein the digital tokens can be generated by the user himself according to special and secure digital permit from the digital tokens issuer and according to predefined criteria in different predefined values.

Claim 39 (Previously Amended): The method of collecting payments with digital tokens according to claim 35, wherein the service can be the usage of predefined software package that is in the user's possession.

Claim 40 (Previously Amended): The method of collecting payments with digital tokens according to claim 35, wherein the service can be the usage of wireless resources or any other digital communication means to another user, while the collecting payment party is not involved in the communication.

Claim 41 (Previously Amended): A method for monitoring the proper use, in payment for services provided by a third party, of digital tokens issued by a digital tokens issuer by computerized means, during a digital communication between a user and a second party, where the third party does not take part in the communication, comprising the following steps:

- a. The user sends to the second party a report including information relating to the digital token used and canceled by the user while using the service for which a payment by digital tokens was required;

- b. The second party maintains a database of previous reports relating to digital tokens used in the past, and the report received in step (a) is added to the database;

- c. The second party compares the information received in step (a) with previous reports for the same user;

- d. If the comparison detects a violation of the rules for the use of digital tokens, then the second party performs one or more of: stores that information; displays a violation report; reports that to the digital tokens issuer; sends a note to the user of such digital token.

Claim 42 (Previously Amended): The method for monitoring the proper use of digital tokens according to claim 41, wherein in step (b) the second party maintains a database of previous reports relating to digital tokens used in the past by the user.

Claim 43 (Previously Amended): The method for monitoring the proper use of digital tokens according to claim 41, wherein in step (b) the second party maintains a database of previous reports relating to digital tokens used in the past by a plurality of other users.

Claim 44 (Previously Amended): The method for monitoring the proper use of digital tokens according to claim 41, wherein in step (b) the database of previous reports is being updated to include the latest reports, and the oldest reports are deleted there from.

Claim 45 (Previously Amended): The method for monitoring the proper use of digital tokens according to claim 41, wherein in step (d) one of the rules for use of digital tokens is that no digital token is allowed to be used twice.

Claim 46 (Previously Amended): The method for monitoring the proper use of digital tokens according to claim 41, wherein in step (d) one of the rules for use of digital tokens is that the serial number of successive digital tokens should be in ascending order.

Claim 47 (Previously Amended): The method for monitoring the proper use of digital tokens according to claim 41, wherein in step (d) one of the rules for use of digital tokens is that the serial number of issued digital tokens should correspond to a digital document or digital permit issued by the third party.